

## WHY I AM GOING TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT WILSON

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Though I am not a Democrat I shall vote for Wilson. No other president since Lincoln has been confronted with such international problems. Any other course than he has pursued might have drawn us into war. He has been patient and persistent in the pursuit of peace. And he has kept the peace. We must judge him by that supreme achievement and credit cannot be taken from him by his opponents who so easily criticize—AFTER the event.

We are not crossing a stream but a torrent and I see only dangers in swapping horses now. Because Wilson, through four years of anguish, is more acquainted than Hughes with all the cross-currents of our foreign relations, he should be re-elected. It is no time to experiment with even an honest amateur in foreign affairs. The problems which will confront the world after the war will be monumental and to Wilson should be given the opportunity of trying to bring some order out of the chaos. I am convinced that he is so genuinely a lover of peace that he will follow up rigorously the clauses which he had inserted in the naval appropriation bill, giving him power to work toward international disarmament through a world tribunal.

Much as I respect Hughes as a man he goes before the country without an issue. He is merely a critic. He has shown no constructive alternatives. And above all he carries no conviction in his speeches that had he been president, taking other methods than Wilson, he would have kept the country out of war. Nor can he detract one iota from the record of progressive legislation enacted under the present administration. I cannot support a supposition.

I shall vote for a man who has had the responsibilities and who has stood the gaff.

## FLYING TORPEDO IS NEWEST FRENCH WAR TERROR

With the French Armies South of the Somme, Oct. 12.—Drawing their encircling noose in from west, north and southwest, French have advanced lines at several points to within few hundred yards of important town of Chaumes.

Chaumes, to certain extent, holds same important relation to German line south of Somme as did Combles north of river. It is a point of support, the junction of several important highways, and its capture will enable French to dominate surrounding country for several miles.

While usual terrific artillery preparations in Chaumes attack was going on, French were systematically destroying German wire entanglements with their new aerial torpedoes. These they launched from little trench mortars.

Unlike screaming, whistling of the shells, the passage of these torpedoes is noiseless and they are visible to the naked eye throughout their entire course. They described beautiful arches above the French line, then darted downward with lightning-like rapidity into the German trench. The havoc and consternation was so great that French soldiers, without hesitation, poked their heads out of trenches to watch destruction, though Germans were only 150 feet away.

## BANG! BOOZE BATTLE!

Launching of a big fight against booze in Chicago was announced yesterday by P. W. Yarrow, head of the Dry Chicago Federation. A fund of \$50,000 will be raised to bring noted speakers here to tell of evil effects of alcohol.

The drys will try to make liquor the issue of the fall election of 1917.